



CREATIVE CORNER

October 2008

Upcoming Dates:

October

- Halloween Parade/ Parties – Fri. 31st 9:15 AM

November

- Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Snack Tues. 25th AM
- Closed- Thurs. 27th, Fri 28th

There's a chill entering the playground

Send in labeled jackets/ sweatshirts to wear outside. The temperature can change very fast in autumn; a nice morning may be a chilly afternoon. All our classes will go outside everyday. **We request**

your child's Name or Initials to be written in on the tag or collar. It is very helpful and eliminates the "who belongs to this coat" problem.

This is a good time to do a "Cubbie Check". Jackets,

coats, hats and gloves all take up a lot of room in the cubbies. When cubbies are clean and not crowded it's easier for your little one to care for their things and fewer items get misplaced.

**Cubbie check guideline:

- Change of clothes: MUST stay at school, MUST be provided for all classes. (Spare clothes can not be left in tote/ backpack. Too many times the day it's needed the tote has been forgotten.)
- A Seasonal change of clothes; shirt, pants, socks, and underwear. (Labeled with child's name)
- Nap items clean sheet, sm. pillow, sm. Blanket
- Backpacks / Totes- due to space with coats, etc. please use youth child size back packs or small tote bags
- Art work is taken home daily (and enjoyed!).

Foggy mornings

Please take a quick review of our inclement weather policy in your Parent Handbook.

It's Halloween!

Witches, Goblins, and Ghosts, OH MY! Halloween, what a fun time of year for a child, and grown-ups too! We will be having our Halloween center-wide Costume Parade at 9:15, concluding with each class having their own party. Grown-Up's please drop off you child to their room then go outside to the parade route so that we can prepare the classes. Please plan on leaving before the parties unless you have talked to your child's teacher and are assisting in the party events. Too many adults staying at the classroom parties become intimidating for the children and hard for the teachers to conduct party activities when a lot of adults are gathered/ chatting in the classroom. Be on the look out for party sign-up sheets. Please keep to the items on the party sheets. They are made to have a balance party diet not to be heavy on sweets. Thank You

In the way of costumes, we need to request... NO masks (face painting can be worn to school / not too scary, please. We don't want the younger children to be frightened.) NO weapons of any kind. Please send your child to school dressed in his/her costume. Send in clothes to change into after the celebrations. Please keep in mind we will be dressing 57 children out of costumes (trimmed down, easy to put on costumes are appreciated).

Pumpkin



Patch

Ms. Angie and Ms. Donetta's classes will be visiting Rainbow Farms on Rt. 50 and Rt. 662, later this month.

Ms. Linda, Ms. Bert, and Ms. Tonia's Classes will be visiting the Jester's Farm /Pumpkin Patch on Dover Road.

Ms. Brandy's class will be visiting the new Breckenridge Farm and maze in Linkwood. Be on the

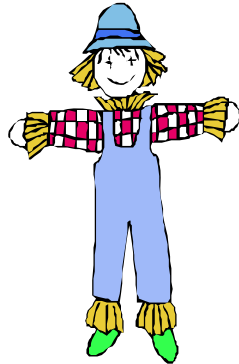
look out for more details on your child's class parent board.

Fundraiser Update:

Thanks to those who participated in our Butter Braid/ Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Creative Corner raised funds to cover our half of the cost for the Tumbling Tigers classes this fall. We appreciated all our families' efforts in these tight economic times and what to give a "Big Hooray" to our top sellers: Eliana- 30; Morgan L-29; Viviana- 27; & Jasmyn- 26 !!!

I'm a Bookworm

The Bookmobile is a big success! Ms. Betty has made two visits already to share stories with the toddlers, twos and threes classes. The children loved the books with silly words and repeating phrases with Ms. Betty. Kemp & Sean get very excited to be able to enter the bookmobile. Finn & Kendall take their time making a pick, yet Isaiah & Corrine being "experienced" picks one fast. Bert's class loves to share their choices right away as they have a mini Show 'n tell to Ms. Janine. Ms. Betty will be visiting Creative Corner every other Tuesday at 9:30a.m.



*** Please do not take books (library or center) home. We are happy the children are proud of their picks but the books are for classroom use. Thanks for you help.

CLASSROOM NOTES:

Ms. Joyce & Ms. Megan's Class

September is the month for me to get to know the personality of each baby. I have a chance to see their likes and dislikes, which is a joy to see and experience.

No toys are safe with Viviana around, she likes to take all the toys off the shelf and play with them especially the dishes. Avery's favorite time is being outside in the sand box, he enjoys putting sand in and out of the pail. He also loves singing LALALA! Samuel loves to look at the fish swimming in the big room. He will laugh when he sees them swimming. I think the fish are getting to know him too! Harrison really loves to give me big smiles and coos.

We really enjoy our daily walks. In our backyard we get to see trucks and airplanes. When we see them we yell AIRPLANE! Or TRUCKS! That usually gets big laughs; it also helps with getting the children used to loud noises so that they know not to be afraid of them.

We made apples on a tree with our fingertips. And we made horses that eat the apples from the tree, yummy!

We now have two walkers in our room; Avery and Viviana have learned to walk and are just everywhere now. They get to explore the playground, there is so much to see and do. This month we are going to be on the lookout for fall colors. We are going to have another great month!

Parent Activity: For the Avery and Viviana, as you notice the fall colors, identify them and point to them. This will help enhance their vocabularies. For Samuel and Harrison blow scarves over their faces to allow a cool breeze to tickle their cheeks.

Ms. Emily & Ms. Sandra's Class

September has come and gone too fast! Even though it has flown we still have done so much this month. We have learned about Farms, our 5 senses, Eating healthy, Fall and Dinosaurs! We welcomed two new students this month, Kemp Dion and Anthony Cardillo! Everyone has enjoyed coloring and cutting and finger painting. Madeline loves to cut with scissors and Kemp really enjoys coloring with crayons. Anthony enjoys playing with the dolls in housekeeping showing us how to care for babies and Sean and Keaghan both love painting.

In October we are going to be having even more fun since we have Halloween coming up! Our pumpkin hunt will extra special event this month. We will have some special treats coming up that as a class we are going to be making such as roasted pumpkin seeds and ghost milk shakes! Make sure to check the parent board regularly for updates and notices on what we are working on! We look forward to another great month together with our friends!

Parent Fun: Have art time at home. Use various items (ex. empty boxes cut up, coffee filters or copying paper you printed mistakes on as) as your easels. Take note of the various marks your child creates as well as which color or colors they prefer. The marks are beginning language skills.

Ms. Linda's Class

We had a good start for September. Our first week, we learned about our school. Saying goodbye when our parents leave and hello when they return. We made steering wheels; Finley and Isaac liked pretending they were driving to school. We started on our first color, yellow. Everyone liked the cotton ball dabber. The Ho-Down was a big hit with the children.

Week two, we talked about our home. We made a house out of shoeboxes. Kendall loved decorating her house. We made a book of things we do at our house. Thomas carried his around all day; he wanted to take it outside. We did purple comb painting, all of our children enjoyed doing this.

Week three, we learned a lot about ourselves. We played with our puppet, Alex. They helped Alex, when he hurt his knee; the children told him "You'll be all better soon." We played a game called, 'Hand to hand'. I would hold up my hand and they would hold up theirs. I would touch my nose and they would do

the same and we continued this with other parts of our bodies. It helps us learn body parts. For the color red, we did tape design painting. Colt loved putting tape on his paper and then painting it. He didn't want to stop.

Our last week of September, we talked about fall. We made a fall collage. They all liked looking for different things to put on our wall to see what we found. We created with fall colors; we used red, orange, and yellow paint. We painted with each one to see what we could create. Our color for this week is orange. We did cookie cutter painting. We made different leaves with cookie cutters.

For the first week of October, we will be talking about playing and making friends. We will be doing a lot of projects together. To end October, we will be doing Halloween. We will be going on the bus to the pumpkin patch. We are going to have a Halloween party and dress up in our costumes. We are going to have a lot of fun in October.

Parent Builder: We need the help of the parents as we learn our colors. If you could ask your child what color he or she sees when you are out and about that would help them reinforce their learning of colors.

Ms. Bert's Class

We have met new friends and new challenges in Rm.5. We have been talking about the new month and that it begins with the letter "S." Being helpers in the classroom has been real exciting. Andrew F. had the biggest smile when he was called to be the calendar helper. Andrew S. enjoyed being our class greeter for the week. Science can be a lot of fun. We explored the orange and the grapefruit. They both are round like circles, they have smooth skin, and they taste different. Everyone agreed that the orange was sweet but not the grapefruit. Angelina made a face and said, "Ms. Bert, I don't like this."

Apples showed up in our classroom and Corinne was able to tell me that the apples were red, green, and yellow. We made apple handprints. Zachary said, "It tickles," when I was painting their hands. Thumb print trees were a hit also. Faith enjoyed the green apples; she couldn't get enough. We are learning the difference in our right and left hand.

Our first field trip to the park was met with squeals and laughter. Andrew F.'s mom pushed us high to the sky on the swings. Jenny kept saying, "Higher." Ms. Bert and Anthony had fun digging in the sand box with the big shovel. Ms. Linda enjoyed riding on the bouncing animals with all our friends. After eating lunch, we returned back to school for a much needed nap. During the month of October, we will talk about the change in weather, color of leaves and our clothes.

Home Activity: Mom's and dad's, the weather is changing and I need you to let me put my jacket on by myself so I can learn. I will need a little help at

first. Tumbling starts in October and I will need your help to teach me how to put my shoes and socks on by myself. I know you will always be there for me, right now I need your help and at the same time help me to be a little more independent. Thank you☺

Ms. Tonia's Class

Time is moving right along. We were so busy in our room learning and reviewing the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors and learning about our bodies, nature, and making new friends that the month of September is coming to an end. September was a month of new beginnings and I have enjoyed the start of my new journey here at Creative Corner. In our classroom I encourage and promote kindness, teamwork, sharing and respect, and good manners.

Our first field trip to Pet Smart in Easton was fun and informative. The children enjoyed looking and petting the small animals. We even got to see a dog being groomed.

I have enjoyed working with the children. Each child brings their own uniqueness to our room. Each child also has their own area of the room that they like to work and play in. Children learn through play and I try to make everything we do in the room fun and the children are learning even though they think were just playing.

Jada enjoys working in the Art Area, because she is a whiz with the scissors, and she likes to color and paint. She is helping to develop her fine motor skills and her eye hand coordination. Brian enjoys the Computer and the Floor toys.



On the computer He is developing his language, spatial, logical and, mathematical skills, and on the floor he is developing interpersonal skills and logical skills and language. Isaiah enjoys the Art Area and the Dramatic Living Area. In the art area he is developing fine motor skills and eye hand coordination along with spatial skills, and in the dramatic living area he is developing interpersonal skills, math skills, and language. Colby enjoys the Reading Area. He is developing and learning how to hold books and that we read from left to right top to bottom. He is also developing his language, social, math, spatial this is preparing him for when he begins to read. Nicholas enjoys the Art and Block Areas of the room. In the Art area he is developing his fine motor skills, eye hand coordination, and in the block area he is developing his math skills, language, and social and interpersonal skills. Jack enjoys the Block and Dramatic Living Area. In the Block area he is developing his interpersonal skills along with his math and language skills. In the dramatic living area he is developing his interpersonal skills along with his math, and language skills.

In October, we are field trip will be to TJ farms. In our classroom we will be learning about animals the fall season, Harvest time, Down on the farm, Apples and Pumpkins.

Building Activity: Please continue to work with your child at home for this will strengthen our school and home connection and will help and allow your child to expand his or her learning. I do hope everyone enjoyed the song booklet that was sent home, and I encourage you to allow your child to sing the songs and to do the finger plays with you this build language and improves fine motor skills. Remember we are a team.

Ms. Donetta's Class

We began our year learning about kangaroo and their joeys. Edward and Tara liked hopping like joeys, Emily showed us how 'people mommies' carry their babies. We learned a song about joeys jumping and bumping in their mommies' pouches. For a special snack we made pizza pockets. To show off our cutting skills, we cut out pouches and kangaroo.

Our focused then turned to our names. For homework our families helped us learn how we got our names. Then the children shared with the group the name they would choose for themselves. Karli and Will chose to keep their names. We practiced writing our names in our journals and decorated name posters. For more cutting practice we found the letters of our name in magazines and then cut them out.

Next we spent some time talking about our families. We drew pictures of our families and practiced writing the words 'mom' and 'dad'. Colleen and Leanna took great pride in their Popsicle Family masterpieces. The whole class enjoyed the listening to the story Buzz and helping me re-tell it.

We then spent some time talking about our neighbors, and not just the ones who live next to us. At the beginning of this week we welcomed Jake to our class. For art, Brogan showed him how we cut wheels and decorated a car shape.

Everyone had fun adding doors and windows to their houses. We displayed the cars and the houses together to look like a neighborhood. The class new the names of just about all the stores in Easton when we charted our retail neighbors. Bet you can't guess which store was everyone's favorite (Wal*Mart).

We finished the month talking about pets. We talked about all the pets we have at home, and even the ones we would like. Erica said she has pet cows (Mommy confirmed), while Eliana has a pet lizard (Dad confirmed). Most of us have dogs and fish.

We also talked about the many different ways to care for our pets. Katherine like pretending she was a veterinarian and taking care of all the pets in our "Pet Shop". Some pets need baths, and some don't. All pets need love. One day, we ate snack just like a pet would, with no hands.

In our journals each week we have been writing the letters of the week. Everyone is enjoying show-n-tell. Please remember to read the parent board. Show-n-tell won't always be for the letter of the week. Try to only bring items that fit in the cubbies and falls in the category for show-n-tell.

In October we will spend a week uplifting ourselves, make new friends with our classmates, and have fun with many Halloween activities.

Parent Connect: Try playing I Spy with your child to look for items that begin with the letter of the week. Help them make a list of items and bring them in to share with the class. They can even make a picture full of items that start with the letter of the week.

Ms. Angie's Class

Starting the year off with our "Welcome to School" unit was lots of fun. The class enjoyed learning how to introduce themselves to their classmates (old and new). Reading stories about feelings and how to express ourselves, seem to open new avenues when becoming frustrated or just when simply using manner.

"All About Me" gave the class the opportunity to show friends their personality. We did this thru Dramatic play ex. Singing, dancing and having fun in House Keeping. This is Jasmyn and Raleigh's favorite past time.

During the week of "Our Happy Classroom" we read stories about the many things we see and do at school. How letters make words and that by using different shapes and our imaginations can make fun Art. Liam and Nicholas made trains while Pearl made a snowman.

Learning that calendars have rows for the days of the week and columns for each day was pretty interesting to the class. Everyone loved learning the song "Every Year Has 12 Months" and the fun dance that goes with it. Robbie, Jesiah and Brooke love this part of our circle time.

During October we have lots of fun things to learn and explore. Please ask your child every day about what we have learned and the letters that we are working on. Also, if at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop me



Building Activity: Help your child make a calendar out of scrap paper or even an empty cereal box. Then help them fill in the month, days of the week and the dates. You could give them stickers to cover the date each day or allow them to put an X through the date. This will promote math at home.

Ms. Brandy's Class

Wow, September flew by and it's already October. The school age class has had a lot of fun getting back into the swing of things with going to school. We have had a lot of one on one time with Ms. Brandy so far. We have been working on our writing, spelling, and reading. We started out our school year with continuing themes each week. We did some activities with our solar system, with the food pyramid, and with safety at school, home, and out and about. We have learned a lot these past couple weeks but now we are steering away from themes and going into different games, art projects, cooking, and learning throughout the week.

The staff really enjoys Margaret's big smile in the morning before she gets on the bus. Likewise with Morgan in the afternoon, she always has a new story to tell Ms. Brandy when she gets off of the bus from her new school. We have been doing a lot of art projects and Julie loves doing anything art related, she said, "I love drawing, it's my favorite thing to do." I am always ready when Ryan gets off of the bus because he always has a new joke to tell me while we play games and wait for his friends to get off the bus. Ellie really likes to write, so she makes sure she helps other children that need help spelling something or when they don't know what a letter looks like. We are going to have a fun time in October; we have a lot of exciting projects and cooking projects ahead of us. We are also going to be exploring a new pumpkin patch and corn maze this year in Linkwood called, Breckenridge Farms. We are very anxious to explore this new adventure☺

Family Extension Activity: Sit down with your child and have a game night at least one a week. All of them enjoy playing board games.

Happy Birthday to You!

A Boo full of wishes go to Karli 2nd (#4), Robert 5th (#5), Madeline 20th (#2), Erica 22nd (#4), Andrew 27th (#3), Ms. Kelley 30th, and Ryan 31st (#6).

Rules you can help with...

In this section, we will comment on rules that we use every day at school. Sometimes, we will be asking for your assistance in making it a home rule as well.

"Children are not to open/ close doors"- we need your help to remind all children that doors, playground, classroom, and especially the front door. We have seen many of our friends' fingers get caught in the door cracks as children are closing them. **The front door is a must for Parents to do for the safety of all our children.**